

Activities by Ohu University in the Aftermath of the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami

—Outline of the Support Service in Koriyama City Refuges—

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As part of its efforts to contribute to society in the aftermath of the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami, Ohu University School of Dentistry provided oral care at three evacuation centers between April 13 and August 18, 2011, with the objective of maintaining the oral health of evacuees from the disaster in Koriyama city.

The results were as follows :

1. The number of days of actual activity between April 13 and August 18 was 33 days.
2. In May, the requests from the evacuees regarding dental relief supplies tended to become more advanced and diverse.
3. A total of 47 individuals received dental consultations at the three facilities.
4. 80.9% of those who received dental consultations were either less than 6 years old or in their 60s to 80s.
5. The most common dental consultations were about periodontal health, followed by dentures, dental caries, and others.

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